

WESTERN BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on supporting peace and prosperity, after receiving testimony from Gabriel Escobar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; and Lisa Magno, Deputy Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

U.S.-COLOMBIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reinvigorating United States-Colombia relations, after receiving testimony from Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary for Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Todd D. Robinson, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State; Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development; and Daniel A. Restrepo, Center for American Progress, and Celina B. Realuyo, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2264, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand

Ronde Community, S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and S. 3381, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Isom-Clause, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Development for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Siletz; Cheryle A. Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; Reid Milanovich, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, California; and Sharon Vogel, Cheyenne River Housing Authority, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on behalf of the South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Trina L. Thompson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Padilla, Nina Morrison, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

Committee Meetings**WHY CONGRESS NEEDS TO ABOLISH THE DEBT LIMIT**

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why Congress Needs to Abolish the Debt Limit”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.